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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith on Form PTO-1449 a listing of the documents transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via the PCT, cited by, or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the following parent applications: Serial No. 09/518,856, filed 03/03/2000 (allowed), Serial No. 09/237,839, filed 1/27/99 (now USP 6,069,733) and Serial No. 08/718,451, (from PCT/EP 95/01186) filed 11/27/96 (now USP 5,867,309). As provided in 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the documents are not being provided since they were previously submitted to the United States Patent & Trademark Office in the above-identified parent applications. In particular, documents A1-A15 and A21-A24, and A26-A28 can be found in the '451 application file (please note documents A11 and A26-A28 were communicated to the PTO via the PCT on 1/10/97 in the '451 application), document A25 can be found in the '839 application file, and documents A16-A20 can be found in the '856 application file.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of the foreign-language documents is explained in the above parent applications.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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